



**U.S. Army Corps
Of Engineers**
Norfolk District

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
ON THE NORFOLK DISTRICT'S STATE PROGRAM GENERAL PERMIT
(SPGP-01)

On November 1, 2002, the Norfolk District's State Program General Permit (SPGP-01) for residential, commercial, and institutional developments and linear transportation projects in nontidal waters and wetlands within the Commonwealth of Virginia became effective.

When we issued SPGP-01, we committed to conducting an annual review of its effectiveness and evaluate the extent of its cumulative impacts. The Norfolk District is in the process of preparing a third annual report summarizing the data concerning permits issued under the SPGP including the number, type, acreage of wetlands and linear feet of stream impacts authorized, the geographic distribution of wetlands and streams impacts, and the compensatory mitigation required. It will also include available data on those permits issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality where they were the lead regulatory agency.

This public notice provides an opportunity for the public, interested organizations, and pertinent agencies to submit comments on the report during a 60-day comment period that will begin when the report is published and posted on our web site. In addition, on December 8, 2005, the Norfolk District will be meeting with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Marine Fisheries along with other interested parties to review the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's implementation of the portion of the program where they are the lead agency as well as the overall effectiveness of the SPGP. This meeting will be held at the James City County Public Library on Croaker Road from 10:00-3:00. Interested parties are welcome to attend and participate.

This public notice serves the purpose of inviting public comment on SPGP-01 and the annual report. After reviewing all comments received, we will then decide what, if any, changes to propose to SPGP-01. If we propose to modify SPGP-01, we will issue a public notice and provide the public and pertinent agencies with an opportunity to submit comments. After fully considering all comments received, we will complete our public interest review and advise the public through the issuance of a public notice of the

modifications to SPGP-01. During this review process, SPGP-01 would remain in effect as is.

Comments should be sent to the above address directed to the attention of Bruce Williams. He can be reached by telephone at 757. 201.7418 or by email at bruce.f.williams@usace.army.mil.

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